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OFFICIAL REPORTS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE Annual Convention of The Nurses' Associated Alumnae will be held in Richmond, Virginia, on May 14, 15, and 16. Are you making your arrangements to attend? Have you appointed your delegates? Is your Alumnae Association a member? Has your State Association affiliated? If not, send in your application at once to the Secretary, Miss N. M. Casey, 2103 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Remember to allow a few extra days for the Jamestown Exposition.

ANNIE DAMER, President.

THE Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners will meet on April 24, 1907, to examine applicants for registration under "An Act Relating to Professional Nursing."

L. C. BOYD, Secretary.

125 East Eighteenth Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

THE American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses will hold their Thirteenth Annual Convention, with headquarters at "The Rittenhouse," Twenty-second and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Penna., May 8, 9, and 10, 1907. Details in the April number of the JOURNAL.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE MEETING IN RICHMOND

At the meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae in Richmond in May it is intended to condense the reports from the State societies and have them presented by the chairman of the session to be devoted to State work. Reports from all State societies must therefore be sent in not later than April 1, to be incorporated in the general report.

S. E. SLY, Inter-State Secretary.

THE PURCHASE OF THE JOURNAL

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, those represented expressed themselves as very desirous that the National Alumnae Association should own the JOURNAL. Several alumnae associations have already contributed funds for this purpose, the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia being one state association to send one hundred dollars, the amount needed for one share, other alumnae either buying shares or sending funds to the National for that purpose.

Will the different state and individual alumnae bring this matter up at once and see what can be done before the next Annual Meeting, in May?

ANNA J. GREENLEES,

Chairman Committee on Purchase of Journal, Nurses' Associated Alumnae.

ANY Alumnae Society or individual holding stock in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING COMPANY and wishing to dispose of same, please communicate with Miss M. A. Samuel, Secretary of the Company, Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.

NEW LAWS FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES

59TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION. H. R. 12690

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 22, 1906

Mr. TAYLOR, of Ohio, introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

Official—Approved by President Roosevelt, February 9, 1907.

A BILL

To define the term of "registered nurse" and to provide for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the expiration of the ninety days immediately following the passage of this Act no person shall, in the District of Columbia, in any manner whatsoever, represent herself to be a registered nurse, or allow herself to be so represented, unless she has been and is registered by the nurses' examining board in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. That upon the taking effect of this Act the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia shall nominate ten of its members who have had not less than five years' experience in the profession. These nominations shall be submitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall, from said nominations, appoint, within thirty days after said nominations are submitted to them, a nurses' examining board to be composed of five members. All appointments shall be made so that the term of one member shall expire on the thirtieth day of June of each year, and upon the expiration of the term of office of any examiner the said Commissioners shall likewise fill the vacancy for a term of five years from a list of three nominees submitted to them each year by the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia. An unexpired term shall be filled by said Commissioners from three additional names furnished by the Graduate Nurses' Association upon request of the said Commissioners. No member of said board shall enter upon the discharge of her duties until she has taken oath to faithfully and impartially perform the same; and the said Commissioners may remove any member of said board for neglect of duty or for any just cause.

SEC. 3. That the nurses' examining board shall meet in the District of Columbia within ten days after their appointment and organize the board, and annually thereafter shall meet in the month of April and shall elect from its members a president, and also a secretary who shall be treasurer. It shall frame all such by-laws as it shall deem necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and may amend such rules from time to time at discretion of said board. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the board, and also a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this Act, and to furnish a certificate of registration to all such nurses. The said board shall hold examinations not less frequently than once a year, and the notice of each examination shall be given in one daily newspaper published in Washington City and in one nursing journal at least thirty days prior to said examination.

SEC. 4. That every nurse desiring to style herself "a registered nurse" in the District of Columbia shall make application to the nurses' examining board for registration, and at the time of making such application shall pay to the treasurer of said board five dollars. Said applicant must furnish satisfactory evidence that she is over twenty-three years of age, of good moral character, and free from habits liable to interfere with her services as a nurse, and, further, that she holds a diploma from a training-school for nurses which has been registered by the nurses' examining board of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however,* That no training-school shall be registered which does not maintain proper educational standards and give not less than two years' training in a general hospital, or instruction of the same kind, and, to at least the same extent, as that given in the general hospital, all of which shall be determined by the nurses' examining board.

SEC. 5. That any person possessing the qualifications required in section four of this Act who has been engaged in nursing in the District of Columbia five years after graduation immediately preceding the passage of this Act or shall have graduated from a training-school for nurses in the District of Columbia within that period of time shall be entitled to registration without examination upon payment of the registration fee. And, further, that any person who has been engaged in nursing in the District of Columbia for four years immediately preceding the passage of this Act and shall have spent, in addition, one year in a hospital or sanatorium, shall be permitted to register after passing a practical examination: *Provided,* That such certificates shall not declare that the persons holding them have fulfilled all the requirements expressed in section four.

SEC. 6. That the registration of any person as a nurse in the District of Columbia may be revoked and the certificate of such person cancelled if she be found to have obtained the same by fraud, or be found guilty by the Nurses' Examining Board of any act derogatory to the standing and morals of the profession of nursing. But before any certificate shall be revoked the holder thereof shall be entitled to thirty days' notice of the charges against her, and after a full and fair hearing the certificate can be revoked by a majority vote of the whole board.

SEC. 7. That all expenses incident to the execution of the provisions of this Act shall be paid from the fees collected from applicants for registration as nurses, and if any balance remains on hand on the thirtieth day of June of any year the secretary and treasurer of the nurses' examining board shall receive of such balance the sum of one hundred dollars, and each other member of the said board shall receive five dollars for each day actually spent in the discharge of official duties. All moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the board and shall be paid out under the orders of the board.

SEC. 8. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the workhouse for a period not exceeding sixty days.

SEC. 9. That the nurses' examining board shall have power to register, in like manner, without examination, any person who has been registered as a professional nurse in another State or Territory under laws which in the opinion of said board maintains a standard substantially equivalent to that provided for by this Act.

SEC. 10. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any person from nursing any other person in the District of Columbia either gratuitously or for hire, provided that such person so nursing shall not represent herself as being a registered nurse. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing any person

to practise medicine or surgery, or midwifery, in said District otherwise than in accordance with an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery, to license physicians and surgeons, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof," approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

SEC. 11. That the word "she" and the derivatives thereof, wherever they occur in this Act, shall be construed so as to include the word "he" and derivatives.

WEST VIRGINIA—FEBRUARY 19, 1907

A BILL

To provide for the appointment of a State Board of Examiners, and for the examination and registration of nurses. *Be it enacted by the State Legislature of West Virginia:*

1. That upon the taking effect of this Act the West Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses shall nominate for Examiners twelve (12) of its members who have had not less than five years' experience in their profession, and who shall be residents of the State of West Virginia. These nominations shall be submitted to the Governor of the State, who shall, from said number, appoint, within sixty days, a Board of Examiners to be composed of five (5) members; one of these members shall be designated by the Governor to hold office one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and hereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of the person or persons so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a successor to such person or persons, to hold office for three years, from a list of five nominations submitted to him by the West Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses annually. All vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner from the list of nominations furnished him, or from a list of five to be furnished upon his request for additional names.

2. *And be it further enacted:* That the members of this State Board of Examiners shall as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of June, elect from their members a President, and a Secretary who shall be the Treasurer. Three members of this Board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Secretary upon written request of any two members. The said Board of Examiners is authorized to frame such by-laws as may be necessary to govern its proceedings. The Secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the Board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this Act, which shall at all reasonable times be open to public scrutiny, and the Board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this Act, and may incur necessary expense on this behalf. The Secretary shall receive a salary, to be fixed by the Board, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per annum, also travelling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of her official duties. The other members of the Board shall receive four dollars (\$4.00) for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses. Said expenses and salaries shall be paid from fees received by the Board under the provisions of this Act, and no part of salaries or other expenses of the Board shall be paid out of the State Treasury. All money received in excess of the said allowance and other expenses provided for shall be held by the Treasurer for meeting the expenses of the said Board, and the cost of annual report of the Board.

3. That after January 1, 1908, it shall be the duty of said Board of Examiners to meet at some convenient point within the State not less frequently than once a

year, notice of which meeting shall be given in the public press, and in one nursing journal one month previous to the meeting. At this meeting it shall be their duty to examine all applicants for registration under this Act, to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. Upon filing application for examination and registration each applicant shall deposit a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

4. That the applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is twenty-one (21) years of age, is of good moral character, has received the equivalent of a high-school education, and has graduated from a training-school connected with a general hospital where two years of continuous residence training, with a systematic course of instruction, is given.

5. That all nurses possessing the above qualifications shall be permitted to register before January 1, 1908, without examination, upon payment of registration fee. And all nurses having been continuously and successfully engaged in nursing for five years, and who maintain the proper standard, shall, upon passing an examination, be entitled to registration, provided such application be made before January 1, 1908.

Graduates of training-schools in connection with special hospitals giving a two-years course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1907; or said graduates from special hospitals shall be eligible for registration prior to said date, upon passing special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training-schools from which they have been graduated.

And it shall be unlawful after the expiration of that time for any person to practise professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in this State. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such a title or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

6. That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family; and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

7. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully make any false representations to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

8. That the State Board of Examiners of Graduate Nurses may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause; but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty days' notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charge, by a majority vote of the whole Board, the certificate can be revoked.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO THE THREE-YEARS COURSE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1907.

As some of the governing boards of training-schools for nurses in New York city are considering the question of returning to the two-years course of training, a general meeting of nurses practising in New York city, among whom were graduates of every school in that city as well as many from schools throughout the country

was held at the Bellevue Nurses' Club on Monday, February 11, 1907, to discuss this possible movement, which must have a direct bearing on the welfare of the entire body of nurses in the future.

The following resolutions were adopted by a majority of sixty votes to five—many nurses present having been obliged to leave before the conclusion of the meeting:

Resolved, That we strongly endorse and petition for the continuance of the present three-years course, for the following reasons:

1. The woman who comes to a general hospital training-school, ready to give her strength and intelligence to the work there, feels it to be her just right that she shall receive there an education which will adequately and thoroughly fit her for her life-work, and she is, in fact, promised by the hospital that this shall be conscientiously given her.

2. It is a practical impossibility, in two years' time, to so move a large school of nurse-pupils through all the wards and divisions of a large general hospital that each one shall have full justice done her in the matter of experience, observation and the performance of duties covering all branches of the service. Either the practical or the theoretical teaching, both of which she has been promised, must be scamped under the two-years course.

3. The three years make possible a more equal division of service, a more balanced proportion between class work and ward work, and a more careful, effective instruction of the pupil.

4. A general return to the two-years course would tend to the destruction of that process of affiliation between special and small hospitals for the improvement of their nursing services, which under the three-years course have been developing with the most satisfactory and beneficial results.

5. Far more is required of the graduate nurse to-day than was required of her sister ten years ago, and her training should advance in proportion, instead of retrograding. It is a great injustice to nurses to send them forth imperfectly prepared, or prepared only for private duty, or taught only on certain lines, for no nurse knows when her health may make private nursing impossible, or when she may meet with opportunities to enter on branches of work requiring a liberal professional training, such as are daily opening to nurses in connection with institutional and social reform work of all kinds.

6. The three-years course benefits the hospital by its greater stability and the longer continued presence of a senior staff of nurses. We believe that the nurse who has the thorough three-years training can better serve the patient, the physician, and the community.

It was further—

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to each of the governing boards of hospitals, and to the Nursing and Medical journals.

Signed,

GRACE KNIGHT, Roosevelt;

ELIZABETH M. NORMENT, Johns Hopkins;

FRIDA L. HARTMANN, Mt. Sinai;

MARTHA M. RUSSELL, New York Hospital;

BEATRICE FINLEY, Bellevue,

Committee.

STATE MEETINGS

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES.—The Maryland State Association of Graduate Nurses held its fourth annual meeting at Arundell Hall on the afternoons of January 30 and 31, 1907.

The first meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Robt. S. Coupland, and the address of welcome was made by Dr. Samuel T. Earle. Dr. Earle has had wide

experience as an active worker in state medical societies and was in a position to give us valuable advice on some practical points concerning our Association. He laid great stress upon the advisability of enlarging the membership and strengthening the Association. When attacks are made upon our bill, as there are sure to be, the more the nursing body stands together, the less danger there is of losing what we have gained.

After a recess the president, Miss Mary C. Packard, read her address. She reported the important work done in safeguarding our bill from an amendment which would have weakened it materially and lowered its standard; recommended the establishment of a central registry, as furthering the best interests of the public and the profession; spoke hopefully of the plan to have a central school of nursing, and told something of the work of the nurse among tuberculous patients, supported during this last year by the members of the Association.

The president's address was followed by reports from the committees. The treasurer reported a small deficit. The society recognized the impossibility of carrying on the work efficiently with the present dues of \$1 a year and decided that the dues be raised to \$2, with an initiation fee of \$1. Before the close of the meeting several changes were made in the by-laws, and after adjournment a delightful entertainment was served by the alumnae associations of the Maryland General Hospital, City Hospital, and St. Agnes' Sanitarium.

The meeting on the 31st was open to all interested, and was well attended. Miss Parsons, superintendent of nurses of the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, read an able paper on "The Nurse and her Relation to her Professional Organizations." Miss Mary Cloud Bean read an inspiring paper entitled "A Few Problems of the Private Nurse." Our honorary president, Miss Nutting, gave an interesting account of some phases of the work she will take up at Columbia University next Fall in connection with Teacher's College, and made a strong plea to the Association for volunteers to do the work of the Red Cross Society in time of war or other disaster.

After a recess, Mr. Joseph Packard, President of the Department of Education in Baltimore City, spoke on "Some Legal Points" with which nurses should be familiar. Dr. Jacob H. Hollander, Professor of Economics at the Johns Hopkins University, gave a brief but interesting talk about civil service reform, followed by a very stirring address by Mr. Eugene O'Dunne, Deputy State's Attorney, on the Proposed Work of the National Public Health Defense League.

The election returns were next announced and the officers for the coming year are: Honorary president, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting; president, Miss Mary Cary Packard; first vice-president, Miss Georgina C. Ross; second vice-president, Miss Alice M. Woodward; secretary, Miss Amy P. Miller; treasurer, Miss Nannie J. Lackland. Members—Miss Sarah F. Martin, Miss Mary E. Lent, Miss Mary Bartlett Dixon, Miss Sara E. Parsons.

AMY P. MILLER,
Secretary M. C. P.

GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.—The quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Connecticut to have been held in Bridgeport on May 6 was attended by only about twelve members. A severe snow-storm on the previous day, which had blocked travelling to some extent, in conjunction with the very busy season, rendered attendance very small. The meeting came to order only to adjourn to the annual meeting to be held in Hartford in May. The paper on "The Responsibility of the R.N.," by Miss Campbell, will be presented at another meeting.

ILLINOIS.—The Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses held their regular quarterly meeting February 13, in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, the President, Miss McMillan, in the chair.

Twenty-three nurses recommended by the Credential Committee were elected to membership in the Association. The new members represented fifteen different training-schools.

Miss Caroline Seidensticker, chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave her report, urging each member of the Association to active work. The bill is at present in the hands of Senator Clark, who will introduce it as soon as possible.

Miss Adda Eldredge, who was appointed early in November to interest the public as well as nurses and doctors in the proposed bill for registration, gave a report of her work throughout the State. By coöperation with medical societies, women's clubs, and nurses, she has addressed many meetings in Chicago and the larger towns of the state.

BENA M. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS

NEW YORK CITY.—The annual meeting of the Mt. Sinai Alumnae Association was held at the training-school on Thursday, January 3, 1907.

The secretary's report showed that during the past year nine regular business meetings were held, with an average attendance of thirty-two members.

Forty new members were admitted during the year, making a total membership of 185.

The following directors were elected: The Misses Greenthal, Newman, Chadwick, Towne, Krueer, Shilliday, Bates, Stacey, Fox, and McKown.

The officers for the year 1907-08 are: President, Miss S. W. Newman, R.N.; Vice-president, Miss E. B. Chadwick, R.N.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bertha Krueer, R.N.; Recording Secretary, Miss Ada C. Towne, R.N.; Treasurer, Miss Susie Shilliday, R.N.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson Hospital Nurses' Alumnae of Philadelphia was held at the Nurses' Home, 226 So. Washington Square, on Friday, January 25, at three o'clock, and was well attended.

It is with much pleasure the Alumnae has welcomed so many new members during the past few months, and at this meeting the applications of two more were read and referred to the executive committee. Since last reporting to the AMERICAN JOURNAL this Alumnae has held a theatre benefit which was enjoyed by all, and the net proceeds were very good indeed.

The bazaar which the Alumnae contemplated holding in the early spring has been postponed until next winter. Adjourned to meet on Friday, February 22, 1907.

PHILADELPHIA.—The annual meeting of St. Agnes' Hospital Alumnae was held Thursday, January 31, 1907, in the study hall of the hospital, with the president, Mr. Doyle, in the chair. The meeting was well attended, and after the routine business tea was served by the head nurse, Sr. M. Maura. Officers elected for the year were: President, Miss Frances Lundy; Vice-president, Mr. Philip Philbin; Secretary, Miss Cecila Hund; Treasurer, Miss M. Agnes Dougherty.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The alumnae of Lakeside Hospital held their monthly meeting in the reception-room of the nurses' home. Miss Johnson read a paper on District Nursing which was enjoyed by all present.

The alumnae is working to endow a room in the private ward for members of the Lakeside alumnae. Each member has been asked to give \$25 towards the fund. Several hundred dollars are already given, and the last one thousand of the \$10,000 has been promised.

TROY, N. Y.—On January 30 the annual meeting of the alumnae association of the Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N. Y., was held, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Catherine Ross; vice-president, Miss Minnie Maria Gribble; treasurer, Miss Julia Emmeline Clickner; secretary, Miss Eudocia Jeanette Higley. Following the business meeting a collation was served.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-school Alumnae for the election of officers was held at the training-school on February 5. The officers elected for the coming year are: Miss Kate Madden, R.N., president; Mrs. A. W. Pierce, R.N., first vice-president; Miss W. Rothermund, R.N., second vice-president; Mrs. A. de Zouche, R.N., recording secretary; Miss F. Fuller, corresponding secretary; Miss M. E. Holt, R.N., treasurer.

DENVER, COLORADO.—On February 6, the graduates of St. Luke's Hospital formed an alumnae association. The following officers were elected for the first year: President, Miss Henrietta Stertzner; first vice-president, Miss Marie Crowder; second vice-president, Miss Manta Wells; secretary and treasurer, Miss Marguerite Bullene. The meetings are to be held the third Wednesday of each month at the Katherine Hallett Home for Nurses.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnae Association of the training-school of the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church has held regular monthly meetings during the fall and winter, routine business being transacted at each meeting. At the December meeting Miss Payne, Superintendent of Nurses, read an interesting paper on the early history of the hospital.

The delegates to the annual, to be held in May, in Richmond, Virginia, of The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, will be appointed at the March meeting. Since June, 1906, eighteen new members have been enrolled. An annual report was published in January.

NEWTON, MASS.—The Newton Nurses' Alumnae held a meeting on February 6, which was largely attended. Dr. Bracket, of Harvard University, gave a very interesting address on philanthropy.

DANSVILLE, N. Y.—At the meeting of the Dansville General Hospital Alumnae on January 8, an interesting programme was presented by the members. Former superintendents of the training-school are honorary members—Miss Lucy Sharp, Miss Gulley, and Miss M. E. Detweiler.

PORTLAND, OREGON.—At a meeting of the Portland (Oregon) State Nurses' Association, the following officers were elected: President, Miss L. G. Richardson, 374 Third Street, Portland, Ore.; vice-president, Miss Eleanor Donaldson; secretary, Miss Bessie DeVoe, 374 Third Street, Portland, Ore.; treasurer, Gertrude Churchman. Executive Board—Miss Amelia Anderson, Miss Dora Weiss, Miss Charlotte Adams.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Hennepin County Graduate Nurses' Association enjoyed its annual frolic on January 27. Fifty nurses participated in an afternoon sleigh ride, having invited as guests the superintendents of the various hospital training-schools.

After a most enjoyable drive they returned to Dr. Mead's residence, 1502 Third Avenue S, for a banquet.

PITTSBURG, PA.—The graduates of the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, held a meeting on January 15, to organize an alumnae association. A large number were present, including some of the Sisters who are graduates. Miss Nora O'Sullivan was elected temporary president and Miss Becca St. Clair secretary. After the meeting the senior class entertained the graduates.

PERSONAL

MISS E. B. ROSS, of Montreal General Hospital, has succeeded Miss Flora Plate, who has recently been married.

MISS GERTRUDE M. CROSS, 1904, has succeeded Miss Good as superintendent at the Eleanor Moore Memorial Hospital, Boone, Iowa.

MISS HASSIE N. STRAIN, of the Baltimore City Hospital, has taken the position of superintendent of the Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

MRS. EMMA HEADRICK has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Pueblo (Colorado) Hospital, in the place of Miss Maud McClaskie, who resigned to take up university work.

BETSY PRIGG, of the class of September, 1895, K. G. H., Kingston, Ontario, would like to hear from her classmate Sairey Gamp. Information through these columns will be gratefully received.

MISS MARY L. HEFNER, of the Baltimore City Hospital and late superintendent of the City Hospital, Columbus, Miss., has been appointed chief nurse of the Guice and Faucett Infirmary, Gadsden, Alabama.

MISS ADELAIDE HENDERSON, who has been the instructress of trained attendants at the Y. W. C. A. in New York City, has succeeded Miss Annie W. Goodrich as superintendent of nurses at the New York Hospital.

MISS CELESTE MANION, 1901, Faxon Hospital, Utica, New York, has accepted the appointment of head nurse in the operating-room of the S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, where she began her duties on February 1, 1907.

MISS KATHERINE DE WITT will with her mother move to Rochester, New York, on April 1, where she will continue as private nursing editor and secretary to the editor-in-chief of the JOURNAL. Mrs. and Miss De Witt will be Miss Palmer's guests during April.

MISS ADA P. COLEMAN, who has been the assistant superintendent of the Saginaw General Hospital, of Saginaw, Michigan, has resigned to take up visiting nursing work in Detroit, and has been succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Hosig, a graduate of the Harper Hospital, of Detroit.

MISS IDA E. PROCTOR, graduate of the Saginaw General Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of the Hubbard Memorial Hospital, recently opened in Bad Axe, Michigan. Her assistants are Miss Lillian McRae and Miss Josie Bateman, graduates of the Saginaw General.

MISS EMMA J. KEATING resigned her position as superintendent of the training-school of the Jackson Sanatorium at Dansville, New York, several months ago, and on January 1 assumed charge of the Oil City Hospital, at Oil City, Penna. Miss Adele Swain, who was Miss Keating's assistant at Dansville, occupies the same position at the Oil City Hospital.

SEVERAL changes have taken place in the Illinois Training-school for Nurses, Chicago. Miss Emma Smith, for some years an assistant superintendent, has resigned, and is succeeded by Miss Helen Kelly, '95, who has recently been in California. Miss Smith will be at her home in Canada for some weeks before resuming work in her profession. Miss Mary J. W. Peterson, 1900, who has long had charge of the directory, has given up the work, being in need of recuperation, and her place is filled by Miss Ellen V. Robinson, 1901. The new pavilion for tubercular patients at the Cook County (Chicago) Hospital has been opened and is in charge of Miss Beck, '02, a graduate. The venereal wards of the County Hospital have also been taken by the school, having experienced nurses to care for the patients under the direction of a graduate head nurse, Miss Sigsbee, '89. An additional superintendent, Miss Good, '04, has been added to the training-school staff. Miss Anna Post, a graduate of Drexel Institute, is the newly-installed dietitian. She will combine the work of supervisor in the new diet kitchen at the County Hospital, and that of instructor in dietetics in the training-school.

THE party of superintendents from this side who attended the dedication of the nurses' residence of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto were very royally entertained during their entire visit. These ladies were the special guests of the Hon. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Hospital Board, and donor of the Nurses' Residence. Very complete arrangements were made for the journey to Toronto and return, and the most delightful entertainment was provided for them at the Residence, Miss Brent acting as hostess during their stay in Toronto. The party arrived in Toronto on the morning of February 5, the day of the dedication, of which ceremony mention is made on another page. The day following Dr. Helen MacMurchy entertained the party at luncheon at the Ladies' Club, and Mrs. Machell gave a charming afternoon tea in their honor, at which there were many guests. The same evening a ball was given to the pupils of the Hospital for Sick Children, upon which occasion the visitors were again the guests of honor. The next day Miss Sniveley entertained them at luncheon, and in the afternoon they left for home, Mr. Robertson arranging for the comfort of their journey in the most delightful manner. During their stay in Toronto the party visited the office of the *Evening Telegram*, having every detail of the publication of a newspaper explained to them, and they were specially charmed with the building, being impressed with the con-

veniences provided the engineer, who has a bath-room for his own use when through with his work. This is beautifully tiled and everything is in most immaculate order.

The party consisted of Misses Goodrich, Samuel, Rikert, Rogers, Hutchison, Wilson, and Smith. Miss Palmer, who was one of those to receive an invitation, was unable to accept.

BIRTHS

At Richmond, Virginia, December 24, 1906, a daughter, to Mrs. S. J. Doswell (*née* Daisy Hamilton, 1901, Virginia Hospital Training-School).

At Urbana, Illinois, January 3, to Mrs. W. W. Munsell, a son. Mrs. Munsell was Miss Emma Doolittle, '02, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

At Quinton, Indian Territory, January 10, to Mrs. Guy A. Curry, a son. Mrs. Curry was Miss Lulu Rayner, '04, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

At La Grange, Illinois, December 8, 1906, to Mrs. Erving Christopher, a daughter. Mrs. Christopher was Miss Daisy Racine, '05, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago.

At Boyceville, Wisconsin, January 6, to Mrs. L. L. Herriman, a daughter. Mrs. Herriman was Miss Spink of La Grange, Illinois, '05, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

ON January 23, at Lestershire, New York, a son to Mrs. Arthur W. Beilby. Mrs. Beilby was formerly Miss Madge Conners. Mr. and Mrs. Beilby were both graduates of Bellevue Hospital Training-School, 1903.

MARRIAGES

At Pocatello, Idaho, January 16, 1907, Miss Mattie I. Farmer to Mr. Irving L. Ward. At home, Buhl, Idaho.

At Chicago, in December, Miss Mildred Kempendorf, 1901, Lakeside Hospital, to Dr. L. P. Rich, of Fredrica, Iowa.

At Atkinson, Illinois, December 24, 1906, Miss Cora A. Macafee (Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, 1902), to Mr. Lyle L. Lloyd.

At Toledo, Ohio, December 22, 1906, Miss Helen Louise Schmidt, 1906, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, to Mr. Clarence Greer Wehrley.

IN New York City, November 8, 1906, Miss Elma Martha Lewis to Mr. James Wilbur Jones, R.N. Mr. Jones is a graduate of the Mills Training-School, class of 1904.

ON December 15, 1906, Miss Phoebe Hartman to Mr. George H. Bailey. Miss Hartman was a graduate of Cooper Hospital Training-School, Camden, N. J., class of 1895.

At Galena, Illinois, January 10, Miss Emma Schweityer, 1900, Lakeside Hospital, Chicago, to Mr. John Baggerman. Mr. and Mrs. Baggerman will make their home in St. Louis, Missouri.

At Richmond, Virginia, December 27, 1906, Margaret Virginia Gilliam, 1900, Virginia Hospital Training-School, to Mr. George Elcan. Mr. and Mrs. Elcan will live at Elks Hall, Buckingham County, Virginia.

AT Spencer, Nebraska, January 9, 1907, Miss Elizabeth A. Korab, graduate of the Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, to Dr. George Edgar Armour. Dr. and Mrs. Armour will make their home in Spencer, Nebraska.

OBITUARY

MISS MARY G. SIMONDS, Illinois Training-School, '87, died at Passavant Hospital, Chicago, of pneumonia, January 31.

THE Alumnae Association of the Rhode Island Hospital Nurses' Club announce the death of a member, Lulu C. Nixon.

JANUARY 10, of typhoid fever, Miss Lydia B. Andrews. Interment in the Villisca (Iowa) cemetery. Miss Andrews graduated in the class of 1903 from the Illinois Training-School for Nurses, Chicago, and had been doing private nursing in Omaha, Nebraska, since. An earnest, faithful friend and worker has been taken from our midst.

AT East Orange, New Jersey, on April 26, 1906, Mrs. Maybelle Whitney Trowbridge Munn, graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Penna., 1896. Mrs. Munn was treasurer of the Alumnae Association and member of St. Barnabas Guild. At a meeting of St. Luke's Alumnae, held recently, resolutions upon the death of Mrs. Munn were passed.

AT a regular meeting of the Rochester Homeopathic Alumnae Association, February 5, 1907, resolutions were adopted on the death of the late superintendent, Miss Eva M. Allerton, a copy of the resolutions to be sent to members of the family, and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The graduate nurses of the Rochester Homeopathic Training-School will furnish a room in that institution as a memorial to Miss Allerton.

AT a meeting of the executive committee of the New York State Nurses' Association held on Monday, January 21, 1907, a committee consisting of the Misses Gilmour, Damer and Cadmus was appointed to draw up a suitable obituary notice upon the death of Miss Eva M. Allerton, to be spread upon the minutes of the executive committee, to be presented to the Association at its annual meeting, and to be published in *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

FRIDA L. HARTMANN, R.N.,
Secretary.

OBITUARY

Entered into rest on January 5, 1907, at Rochester, New York, Miss Eva M. Allerton, in the fifty-third year of her age.

In the death of Miss Allerton the nursing world has lost one of its brightest ornaments, one of its most gifted workers. In the State Association the loss is keenly felt, on account of the close association of Miss Allerton with all of its legislative work since its organization, she being one of its charter members. Her best-known work in this connection was that done as chairman of the legislative committee which had full charge of the Registration bill for the nurses of New York State. Her leadership qualities were never more fully demonstrated than in this work. She evolved order from a chaotic state which caused the stoutest hearts to quail. She saw the great need of the sisters of her profession and undauntedly set herself to overcome the

obstacles in their path. The bill for registration was framed, and so well was it done that with very few alterations it finally became law, and this in spite of the strongest opposition. When it is remembered that this bill called into action the educational forces of the Regent's office, the political methods of the lawmakers at Albany, and behind all this the warring factions of the improperly-trained nurses, one begins to realize that hers was truly an uncommon task. It was not so much a struggle against ignorance, for that element entered into the contest, but more against highly-educated men and women, whose knowledge of affairs and keen insight into the secret motives for action made them so formidable.

She threw herself unreservedly into the work, determined to learn what she did not know, and results show how thoroughly she did it. She won over the Regents, gained many supporters from the opposition in both houses at Albany, and by no means least, aroused such an interest in the nursing world for the bill that it was finally carried triumphantly through. She said little, but did much. Her courage and composure were remarkable; even on the occasions when defeat seemed very near her, she carried the air of a victor. But the strain told and there is little doubt that her life was shortened by it. She has left us an example of faithfulness to duty and helpfulness to the members of her profession which can never be surpassed, but at the same time is neither too high nor too ideal for emulation by the weakest sister.

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ANNIE DAMER, R.N.,
NANCY E. CADMUS, R.N.,
Committee.
